Richly-hued Concerto

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...And so the story of Harry Potter begins.
But this is a tale of many centuries before, of the founders of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
Now, won't you sit back and listen to the Sorting Hat's song...?

These four vowed to found a school.

Godric Gryffindor

Salazar Slytherin

Helga Hufflepuff

Rowena Ravenclaw

Wooow!

We declare the inauguration of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!

chatter chatter

...siiigh.

That's finally one load off my shoulders.

But don't get too comfortable, Godrie.

sidle

Thanks for all your hard work, Rowena. How are you?

Rowena's here, too!

Helga?!

pops up

.....

I think she's hungry.

growl

I've heard that the fish over there is pretty tasty.

Maybe he's resting?

Speaking of which, where's Salazar?

...ah.

Eeek!

thud

Ye-yes!

Is this your first time seeing wizarding food?

Surprised?

...Woah...!

Professor Slytherin?!

Are you all right?

Salazar actually smiled at that Muggle-born girl!

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These past few months I've been telling him every day—like an incantation—that there are good Muggles too.

Father's really glad!

Salazar!

Are you enjoying yourself?

Yes.
Well, in my own way.

Mmm

Dear me.

I'm not used to full dress robes, so my shoulders are kinda stiff.

touch

Yeek!

flap

Then shall I help you take it off?

meat.

Hey, where's the Hat-maker?

thump

woah!

Found you!

Hatmaker!

I was look-ing around. Everything's all sparkly!

Sparkly?

It's because I can see everyone's potential as light.

At the beginning the light is pure white with faint tints of other colors

My job is to somehow separate them

and see through to the one that glitters most strongly.

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Right now, this hall is filled with the multi-colored light of potential.

This school will certainly become a great one.

It doesn't matter whether they're Muggle- or wizard-born, see?

I never completely agreed with that

.. I still don't.

I have come to detest those Muggles who wish to understand wizardry purely for their own selfish desires.

To voluntarily teach the progeny of these folk is sheer foolishness.

...However,

since Godric is so obstinate...

flap

.....

Salazar

I will say this, but there is no chance of success

flap

That owl is...

...I will try to trust in Muggles a little.

!!

Congratulations on the successful opening of your school!

Ah, I'm escaping from a deadline—I think I'm going to be killed if I can't finish the commission by tomorrow.

Guess that's kinda bad, huh?

Ha ha ha!

He's the same as ever..

Professor!

It's been a while, hasn't it? How is everyone?

I wanted to come and make a nuisance of myself, but I'm sorry about the fake letter.

In any case, congratulations on the opening of your school! I heard that there was a dispute and got a bit worried.

wave

wave

float...

Though it'll be from afar, I shall pray for your happiness.

Please give it your best.

So it's Gryffindor who's so adept at persuading Salazar after all. I leave him to you.

gong

That's going a bit far!

Speaking of which, where is your master, Godrie?

Over there drinking.

rustle

...that's just like him, isn't it.

.....

Is something the matter?

Ah, no... I was just thinking that it's finally over.

But actually, everything starts from here

This is only the beginning.

2 years earlier,
Ministry Law Department

BANG!

That's just why we need a school!

Please calm down, Godric.

hmmph

and there are many half-bloods who receive an insufficient amount of training, who then become accustomed to living like Muggles.

But in recent years, due to oppression by the Muggles, there have been a decrease in the number of wizards,

Wizarding children are taught by their parents to an extent, and are later given special tutors.

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barging in

BA-NG

Ah, Gryffindor! Welcome!

Salazar! What in the name of Merlin is this!

Excuse me!

...Ah, and what do you wish to do with the student list?

This is your list? And here I thought it was an invitation catalogue for the sons of the wizarding world's elite.

List!

Are all those with Muggle blood half-bloods?!

So you always intended to...

However, I do not believe that those who have lived as ordinary Muggles can use the powers they are suddenly taught for good.

It's easy to think that my motivations are purely selfish.

Damn you, that's only the small portion of Muggles that you've seen up 'til now, isn't it?!

But there are children born of two Muggle parents who make great wizards, aren't there?!

Rowena...

SLAM

The Muggle-loving Gryffindor: do you know what the committee members call you? The Muggles' Red Dog..

Yes, there probably are. But I have absolutely no intentions of taking the risk of allowing Muggles under my own roof.

grip

.. Salazar, that's more than enough.

Both of you, calm down. Just let it rest for tonight.

Godric, it's pretty late, and it's cold outside;

why don't you stay for the night?

Okay...

Hahah, he's your son, all right.

Are you plotting to kill me with your witchery?!

This is what happened when I first showed someone else my magic..

No ..! He would never ..!

Shut up, you witch!

Whack!

Aaah!

Mother!

You've come at just the right time.

Witch Hunters, this woman is one of them. She lied to me and deceived me.

clatter rattle

Run!

Be quiet, or I'll kill you!

Stay still!!

Let go of her!

Mother!

Go now, Salazar!

As I ran into the frozen air, hate flooded into my heart:

against Muggles, against my father, against my [illegible]less self.

You there! Are you all right?

...I'm fine now.

Water...

A dream of so long ago...

creak

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You too?

No, I had a dream.

...I said some terrible things earlier.

Couldn't sleep?

Hahah.

Thank you.

What-ever, forget about it.

You don't really think so, do you, Salazar?

...I know that you hate Muggles.

I know the reason for it, and I said some things I shouldn't have.

But, Salazar...

?!

...I'm jealous, you see.

One day the Muggles might steal you from me, just like they stole my mother.

...Salazar, no one will ever steal anything from you again.

I—we—are with you, you know.

Some years later...

hahah hahah

We're doing pretty well—

The students are all too full of energy— they're a real handful!

Especially Slytherin's students, considering that they're rather disliked.

If you're going to do it, you have to do it at the right moment.

So you're that kind of guy

Ravenclaw,

be careful, or some of this school's light will become shadowed.

What's wrong?

ding dong

Quiet!

My teacher has graced us here today with his pres-cence.

He is the foremost alchemist in the wizarding world today.

Thank you for that grandiose introduction It's wonderful to meet all of you.

Alchemy is an art with a long history stretching back to ancient times in both the Muggle and wizarding worlds.

But let's all relax and make ourselves comfortable.

Just take care to not get hurt—

Professor!

I have a question!

Is it really true that there's a way to make gold?

Yes, there is.

But I have to keep it a secret until you learn a few more things.

flip

Don't move.

Teach me the way to create gold.

So for now— ..take out your cauldrons.

Okay!

You're the one from this morning, aren't you?

thud!

And what would you do if you knew?

crash

I have no use for this school other than learning how to make gold!

Stop.

Shut up!

bam

?!

crash

Ah
!

AAAAAAH!!

Professor!

Profes-
sor!

clatter
rattle

He's badly burned, and the potion spilled on too much of his body. His condi-tion is very serious

Rowena

Rowena, I need your help.

swallow

BA-M

Why did he protect someone like you ?!

You should have died!

I'll kill you!

Salazar, calm down!

Come here! The Ministry will decide on your sentence for your involvement in this case

Ah...

If he dies, I'll kill you...!

tremble

...hey, what?

collapse

Hey you! What's wrong?!

Salazar .?!

What?!

Seize him!

Salazar!

You...! Did you cast a curse?!

drip

drip

HA

drip

drip

Salazar.

T

I did all I could, but I couldn't save him

HATE

That student's family lived in poverty. He did what he did because he wanted money desperately.

Forgive him...

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HATE

Godric's being questioned about his position right now.

As things stand, you'll be sent to Azkaban, and the school will be shut down.

I don't know what to do anymore.

Salazar.

"Salazar Slytherin, originally a Muggle-hater, consented to collaborate in founding a school to teach Muggle students. He worked for many years in that role. However, a few days ago (on the thirteenth), he lost his position after killing a student and has left the school."

...After this article appeared in the Daily Prophet, it was decided that Salazar had acted on his own, and the school was allowed to remain open.

First Years, welcome to Hogwarts!

The Sorting Ceremony will now begin!

Several years later, the founders passed on the position of headmaster to their pupils and left the school. ...That was centuries ago in the distant past of Hogwarts' history

I— we— are with you, you know.

Hufflepuff.

Will you listen to me quietly?

I took this blind hatred and sealed it within one of Hogwart's chambers...

Deeply, deeply, such that no one will ever touch it again.

Wow!

"This is the Sorting Hat. It will point out your path, so have faith in yourselves and let your light shine."

You might belong in Gryffindor, Where dwell the brave at heart, Their daring, nerve, and chivalry Set Gryffindors apart;

Yes, I'm the Sorting Hat, And I will sing with glee The path your light illuminates, Where you ought to be.

You might belong in Hufflepuff, Where they are just and loyal, Those patient Hufflepuffis are true And unafraid of toil;

Or yet in clever Ravenclaw, if you've a wondering mind, Where those of wit and wisdom, Will always find their kind;

So you'll leave no matter what?

Yes.

I killed a student of my own volition I must leave here.

...If you want to walk out of these gates

SWISH

defeat me first.

then

...So you'll

swish

clang

slide

screech

clang

clatter

thump

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always

stand in my way?

...That's my line...!

My world is filled with only the night-dark despair of having everything taken from me.

But no matter how wide the distance between us, I will pray.

I will hope.

To achieve their ends!

Or perhaps in Slytherin You'll make your real friends, Those cunning folk use any means

Wow!

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reach
you

through the
resounding,
radiant
light?

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